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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good. Cotton was 85% planted. Sorghum was 15% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 93% of the total wheat headed. Chile was mostly fair. Onion conditions were mostly good. Pecan conditions were mostly fair. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly poor to very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 74% very short, 22% short and 4% adequate. Wind damage was 13% light, 28% moderate and 2% severe. Freeze damage was 1% light.

CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1 st Cutting	93	75	60	69
Corn	Planted	70	65	59	69
Corn	Emerged	30	20	17	32
Cotton	Planted	85	75	70	78
Lettuce	Harvested	93	75	76	47
Peanut	Planted	35	20	43	30
Sorghum	Planted	15	12	10	8
Winter	Headed	93	87	68	78

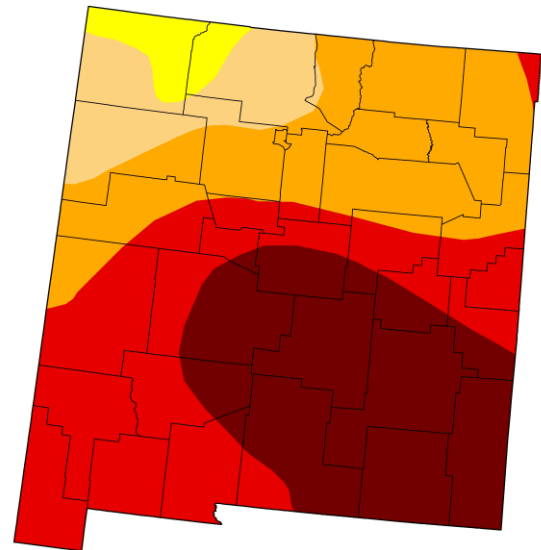
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	2	48	40	10
Chile	-	2	66	13	19
Onion	-	-	-	77	23
Pecan	-	-	59	25	16
Winter Wheat	58	10	21	7	4
Cattle	5	43	30	21	1
Sheep	20	25	40	15	-

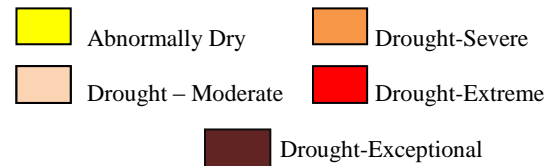
COUNTY REPORTER COMMENTS:

Rio Arriba: Some rain/snow in the high mountains. High winds all week.
Santa Fe: Some rain/snow in the higher mountains this week. High winds. **De Baca:** Branding calves. Alfalfa still in the first cutting, sorghum being planted. Finishing wheat hay cutting and bailing. **Guadalupe:** Very dry pasture conditions continue. No rain or even any type of moisture. Wind is all we seem to get. Livestock are beginning to show some stress even though ranchers are supplemental feeding pretty heavy, both hay and cubes. Daytime temperatures are warming up. Farmers are completing their plantings and irrigating their crops. Even irrigation water from the River has been greatly reduced and rationed. Farmers are worried about what to do with their plantings or are waiting to plant. **Quay:** High winds and high temperatures this week have caused leaf burn and plant death loss of many range perennial grasses. Dryland wheat grain crops continue to suffer from extreme drought. Little to no water recharge in reservoir means no water allocation for the spring planting season. **Chaves:** Very dry and windy. Temperature extremes. **Eddy:** 209 days since any significant precipitation. Well over 200,000 acres burned around the county. Largest single burn BLM is 60,000. What range grass that is available is dry.

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NEW MEXICO



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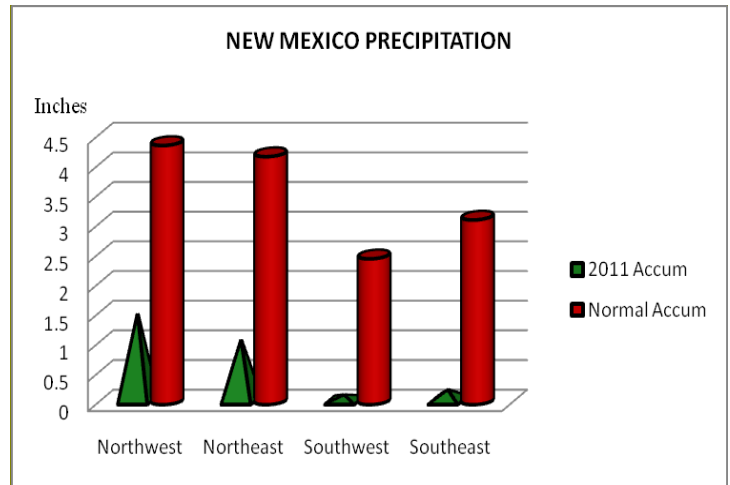
SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	38	52	10	-
Northeast	81	19	-	-
Southwest	100	-	-	-
Southeast	66	24	10	-
State Current	74	22	4	-
State-Last Week	59	33	8	-
State-Last Year	14	35	51	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	35	32	1

Range and Pasture Condition					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	39	33	26	2	-
Northeast	52	31	16	1	-
Southwest	-	100	-	-	-
Southeast	18	32	45	5	-
State Current	35	45	19	1	-
State-Last Week	33	46	20	1	-
State-Last Year	7	17	33	41	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	16	31	29	23	1

WEATHER SUMMARY

The state of New Mexico continue dry with breezy to windy conditions the past week. The high temperatures range from 70's to 80's over the north and 80's to near 90 degrees southern part of the state, some freezing temperatures were reported over the north during the week. The only precipitation reported 0.13 Gallup, Chama 0.12, Raton 0.14 and Clovis 0.10 inches. Lower elevations.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – MAY 09 - MAY 15, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 09 May-15 May	Month 01 May-15 May	Accum. 01 Jan-15 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	62.0	82	38	-	-	0.14	0.50	2.46
Chama	46.3	68	23	0.02	0.07	4.47	1.11	7.72
Farmington	55.9	80	32	0.00	0.00	1.77	0.67	3.15
Gallup	50.5	78	24	0.24	0.24	1.42	0.51	3.74
Grants	53.7	78	28	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.53	2.48
Johnson Ranch	51.1	75	28	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.62	3.09
Los Alamos	53.6	70	32	0.00	0.00	0.57	1.17	5.05
Red River	43.2	64	27	0.13	0.39	3.36	1.77	7.52
Santa Fe	56.1	76	34	-	-	0.49	1.22	4.09
Northeast								
Capulin	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	2.38	2.30	5.16
Clayton	57.7	87	34	-	0.16	0.82	1.99	4.03
Clovis	64.1	91	40	0.00	0.00	0.48	1.87	4.17
Las Vegas	53.8	75	33	0.00	0.15	0.43	1.82	4.36
Moriarty	53.7	77	31	0.00	-	0.58	0.97	3.07
Raton	56.4	83	33	0.14	0.45	1.05	2.27	5.17
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.50	1.41	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	63.4	93	40	0.00	0.01	1.07	1.49	3.49
Southwest								
Animas	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.18	2.04
Deming	66.1	89	43	0.00	0.00	-	0.19	1.73
Gran Quivira	58.9	82	36	0.00	-	0.03	0.82	3.70
Quemado	49.1	76	27	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.50	3.45
Socorro	65.4	86	46	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.52	1.93
T or C	67.3	87	46	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.49	1.89
Southeast								
Alamogordo	67.4	88	43	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.45	2.38
Carlsbad	69.5	96	47	0.00	0.00	-	1.16	2.65
Carrizozo	63.3	82	33	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	68.3	90	45	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.29	1.55
Roswell	63.0	88	43	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.24	3.23
Ruidoso	60.5	75	37	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.87	5.11
Tatum	65.1	91	45	0.00	-	0.22	2.09	4.14
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